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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action mailed 8 January 2004, the time for response to which was set to expire 8 April 2004. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 8 May 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 40-47, were rejected. Applicants appreciate the thoughtful consideration given their undersigned attorney and Agensys Patent Counsel at an interview on 15 April 2004 with Examiner Nickol and Specialist Brian Stanton. The discussion at the interview was most helpful. Applicants believe that agreement was reached that a declaration appropriately supporting an exhibit shown at the interview would place the case in a position for allowance. Nevertheless, careful consideration has been given to the outstanding grounds for rejection, and the following discussion is offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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